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June 30, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; Cotton Valley Formation,
Reservoir A; and Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir
A; ELM GROVE FIELD, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Tooke Est. 12 No. 1 Well as the unit well for HOSS RA SU19 at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Tooke Est. 12 No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for CV RA SU19 at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and in lieu of the location approved for such well by Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B-215, effective March 11, 2003.
3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Tooke Est. 12 No. 1 Well as the unit well for LCV RA SU69 at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996, and in lieu of the location approved for such well by Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E-82, effective March 11, 2003.
4. To find that a substitute unit well for CV RA SU19 is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SU19 which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B-6, effective May 24, 1978.

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The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party. Any questions related to the location of the proposed well should be directed to Ms. Janet Sanford at J-W Operating Company (972) 233-8191.

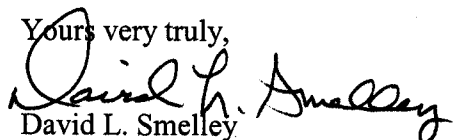
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been given.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

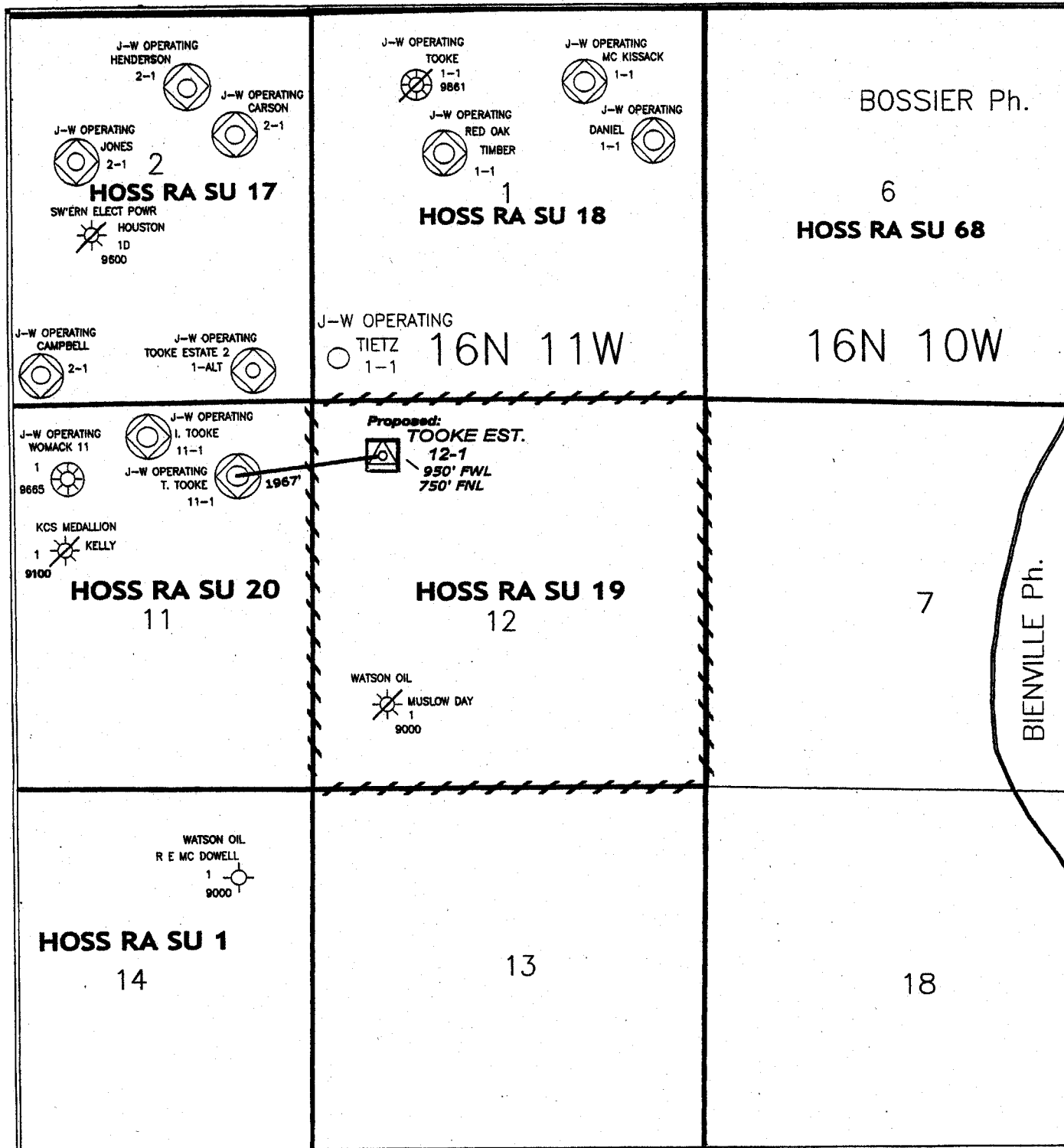
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Ms. Janet Sanford (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



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- Existing Units, Order 361-A series
- ⊠ Proposed Unit Well
- ⊙ Unit Well
- ⊙ Approved Alternate Unit Wells
- Posted Wells > 6000'

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Unit Plat-Hosston Form.
Reservoir "A", Elm Grove Field
Bossier Parish, Louisiana

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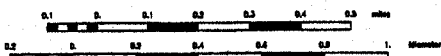
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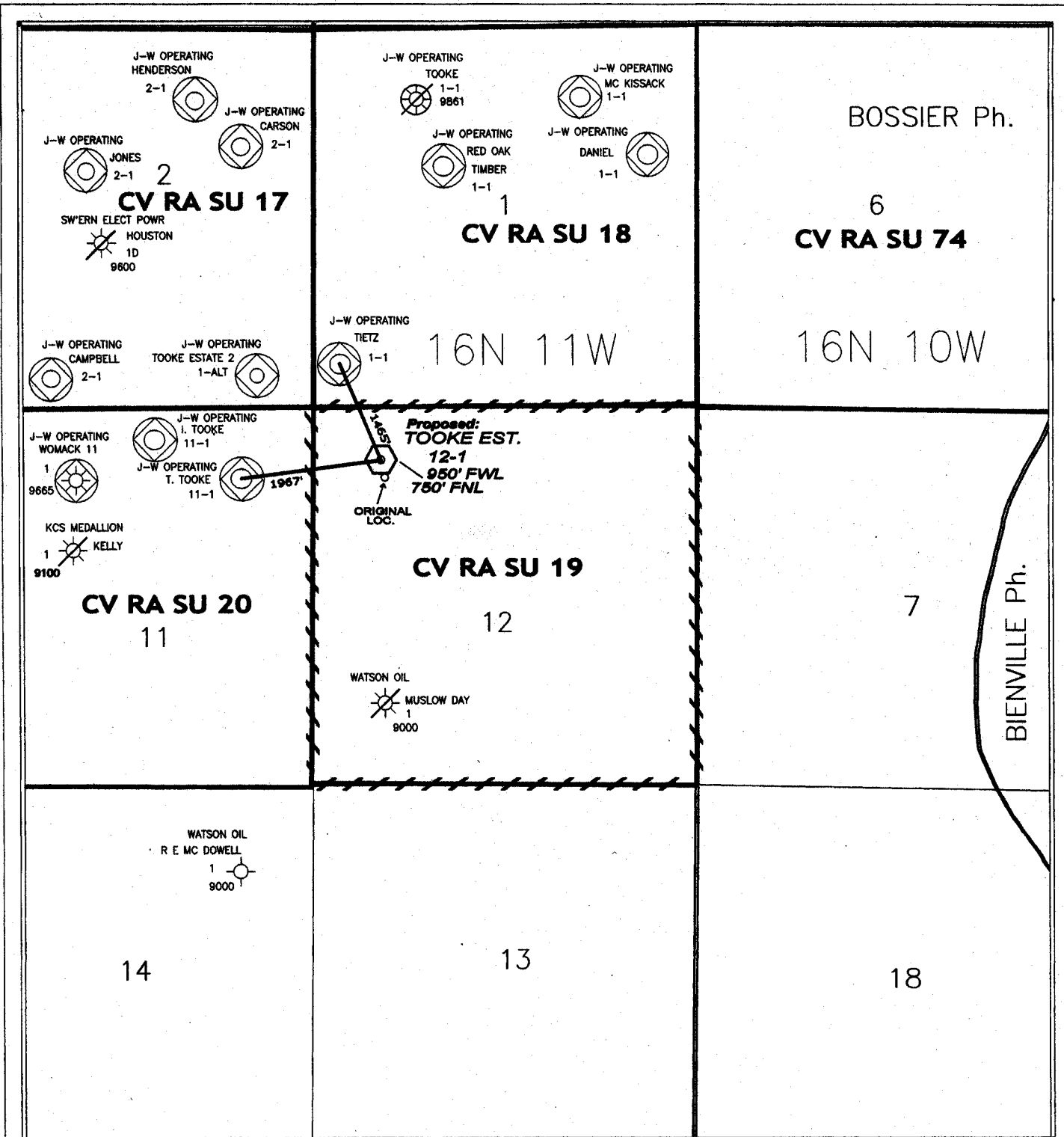
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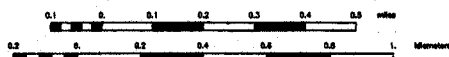
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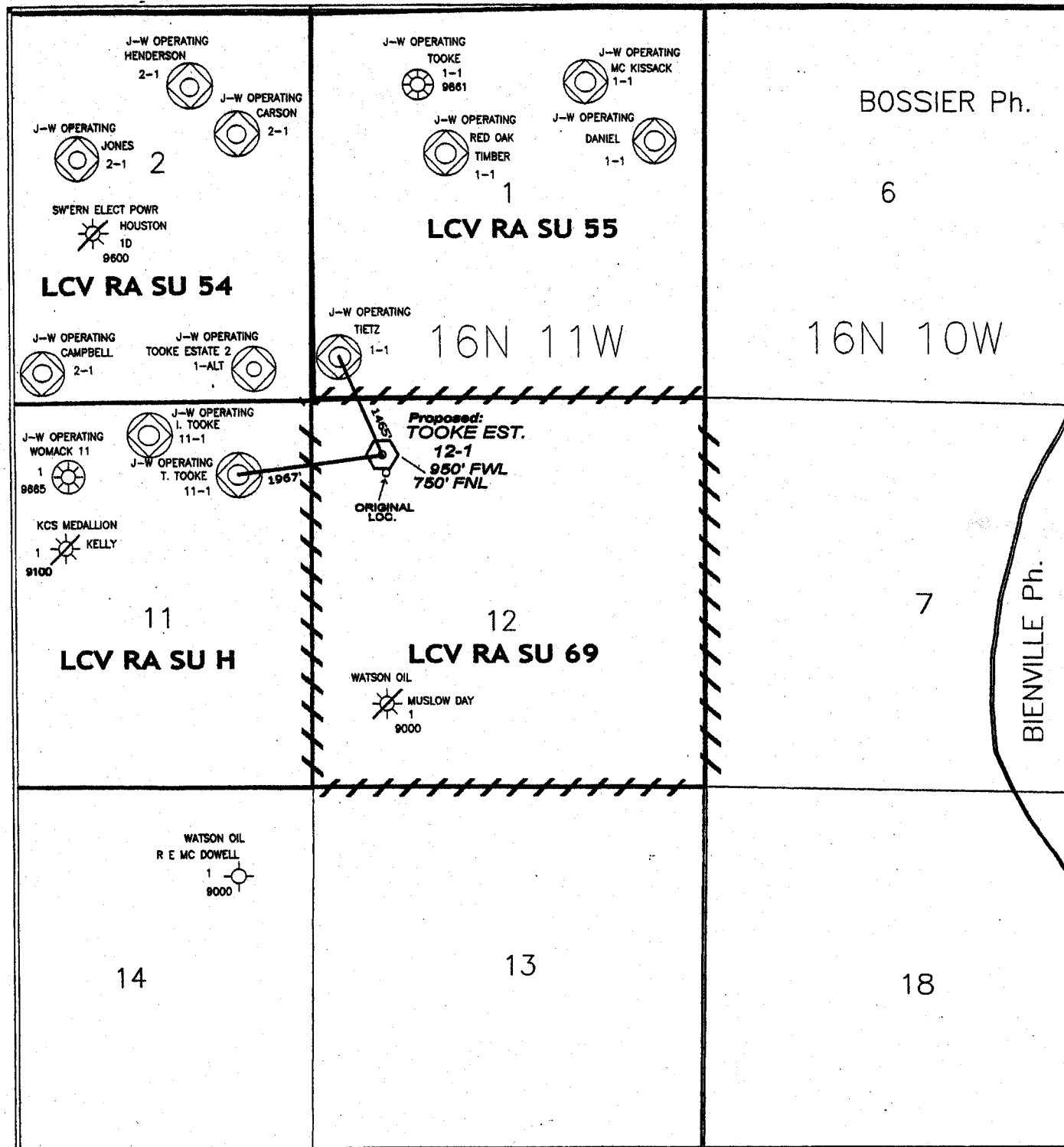
- Existing Units, Order 361-B series
- ⊕ Proposed Substitute Unit Well
- ⊙ Unit Well
- ⊗ Approved Alternated Unit Wells
- Posted Wells > 8300'



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Substitute Ut. Well Plat-Cotton Valley
Reservoir "A", Elm Grove Field
Bossier Parish, Louisiana

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- Existing Units, Order 361-E series
- Proposed Unit Well
- Unit Well
- Approved Alternate Unit Wells
- Posted Wells > 8300'

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Unit Plat-Lower Cotton Valley Form.
Reservoir "A", Elm Grove Field
Bossier Parish, Louisiana

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Witness: Joe Adams

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Exhibit 1

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